**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 24 June 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

Councillor G Goodsell (Chairman)

Councillor R Mitchell

Councillor Janet Gardener

Councillor Graham Peters

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

PCSO Demi Georghiou

RDC Councillor S Prochak

**0065/2014 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from:

Councillor Barbara Napper, ESCC Agharad Davies

**066/2014.**  **Disclosure of Interests**

* Councillor Peters declared an interest as the Church Warden at St Giles Church.
* Councillor Peters declared an interest as the Chairman of the Parker and Ashcombe Trust.
* Councillor Peters declared an interest as he swam regularly at Claremont School.
* Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he was acquainted with the Chairman at Senlac.
* Senlac - Councillor Goodsell declared an interest.
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he was a member of the Friends of Conquest Hospital.
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he was a member of the Transport and Accessiblity Group.
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest with Senlac and Claremont School.

**067/2014. To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19.5.14 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

**068/2014. Crime and Disorder**

There had been an incident of fly tipping outside the primary school. PCSO Georghiou advised there had been a break in to a van with tools stolen. Residents were warned to be vigilant with sheds and outbuildings. PCSO had attended a meeting with new parents at the primary school and highlighted the importance of parking carefully.

**069/2014** **To appoint councilors to all areas**

As councilor Peters had not been present at the previous meeting, he agreed to be appointed to the following areas.

Representatives to RALC Councillor G Peters

Councillors for Financial Control Councillor G Peters/ B Napper

**To outside bodies:**

**Parker & Ashcombe Trust**

1 nominative Trustee:

Cllr G Peters Appointed 24.6.14 for 4 years August 2018

**070/2014 Meetings attended by the Chairman and other councilors**

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

* Transport Accessibility Group. Councillor Goodsell had raised the issue of the road closure. In addition he had raised the issue of the No 5 bus travelling with an “Out of Service” notice.
* Councillor Goodsell had a walk about with the highways steward. He had looked at
  + The two banks along Bodiam Hill.
  + The drain past the War Memorial
  + Fencing opposite the Primary School
  + Lineage at Curlew Crossroads.
  + Water pools by War Memorial

The parish council was awaiting a response from the above issues.

* Friends of Conquest Hospital AGM. The hospital had to bid for funding for items such as £1,846 to Kipling Ward and a donation towards a Bladder Scanner.
* Housing Officer for Levetts Lane. A skip had been promised for September. In addition the footpath by the side of No 1 Levetts lane would be cut back.

Councillor Peters had attended a meeting at St Giles Church. 56 parishioners were on roll. A new generation of children were starting to come to Church.

**071/2014 – Trees and Foopaths**

Councillor Mitchell reported that leaves had sprouted on the jubilee tree.

**072/2014 – Planning Applications**

**RR/2014/1320/P** – Kitchenham Farm House. Proposed side extension

Councillors supported the application with the proviso that particular care is made to match existing materials. As Bodiam does not have any streetlights the Parish Council oppose any lighting.

**073/2014 - Parish Council**

1. **Road Closures. The road from Sandhurst to the Kent ditch was closed on 9 June 2014 without notification.** Councillor Goodsell had contacted Sandhurst Parish Council who advised that they had been informed at late notice of the works.TheTransport Accessibility Group was writing to Kent County Council.

**Resolution:**

Clerk to write to Kent County Council to complain that there had been no notification.

**Councillor Goodsell opened the meeting for public participation.**

Concern was raised regarding the status of the website.

**Resolution:**

The clerk make amendments to the website.

**There being no further questions raised, Councillor Goodsell closed the meeting to the public.**

1. **Footpath from the Primary School to the village.**

The hedge adjacent to the footpath was overgrown.

**Resolution:**

Clerk to write to landowners to request the hedge to be cut back.

1. **Drive carefully sign.** Discussion took place regarding the Please drive careful sign. This would be raised at the next meeting.

**074/2014 - Rother District Council**

RDC Councillor Prochak reported that there was new Chairman of the council, Councillor Richard George. In future each electoral voter would be required to register on line. Complaints regarding refuse collection should be registered online.

**075/2014 East Sussex County Council**

There was no report.

**076/2014.** **Recreation Ground**

1. **Changing rooms: general up-keep, inspections and security**

Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Goodsell had met representatives from Westridge to look at the recreation ground and pavilion. Westridge were looking to undertake improvements to the pavilion.

* Discussion took place regarding painting of the kitchen area in the pavilion.

Resolution:

Councillor Mitchel would obtain quotations for painting.

* Discussion took place regarding the refurbishment of the noticeboards.

Resolution:

Councillor Goodsell would approach a local builder to complete the refurbishment.

1. Bookings

**Westridge Football Club**. Westridge Football club were looking to host a 5 a side tournament on 2nd August. The parish council agreed to the hire at a rate of £50. This was a special rate levied as Westridge were looking at undertaking work on the pavilion. A further meeting would be required to plan the event.

**Bodiam Primary School PTA** had requested to book the Recreation Ground for their Fun Day on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August. However this year they were asking to hold the car boot sale on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council had a long standing policy of not allowing car boot sales on the recreation ground. The Parish Council was happy to allow the Fun Day including craft stalls, but this should not include a Car Boot Sale.

**Resolution:**

The Clerk was requested to notify the chairman of the Bodiam Primary School PTA that the Parish Council had a long standing policy of not allowing car boot sales on the recreation ground. This was despite regular requests from Levetts Lane Residents Association and other village organizations.

**Hurst Green Juniors Football Club** had advised they would like to use the Recreation Ground once again. The parish council agreed to the rental the same as the previous rate as last season.

Further bookings:

Claremont School – athletics

Bodiam Cricket Club

**077/2014**. **Finances**

1. **RFO report**:

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.6.14: £14,255.36, outstanding cheques**:** £217.00. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

1. **To authorise payments and note receipts:**

**Receipts**

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| 3.6.14 | Westridge FC | | £50 |
| 4.6.14 | HMRC | | £408.19 |

**Payments**

**Cheq No Payee Amount Description**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | £ |  |  |
| 1534 | Zurich | £893.52 | Insurance | S111, S143, 114 |
| 1535 | EDF | £38.22 | Electricity | S44 |
| 1536 | Inland Revenue | £4.20 | Clerk Tax | S151, 112 (1) |
| 1537 | V Davies | £175.80 | Clerk Salary | S151, 112 (1) |
| 1538 | V Davies | £39.92 | Clerk Expenses | S111 |
| 1539 | CPRE | £36.00 | Membership | S137 |
| 1540 | P Marsh | £46.37 | Caretaking | S44 |

**078/2014**. **Dates of future meetings 21 July 2014**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.